

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Bob Brown, on March 14, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Bob Brown, Chair (R)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Zac Perry, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)  
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Neil Duram (R)  
Rep. John Fuller (R)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch  
Hannah Winn, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 70, 3/12/2019; SB 144, 3/12/2019; SB 68, 2/27/2019

Executive Action: HB 301, HB 390, SB 144, HB 522

14:33:20 Rep. Fuller joined the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 301**

14:33:50 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 301 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

14:34:33 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

14:35:19 Rep. Duram, Rep. R. Knudsen and Rep. B. Smith joined the meeting.

14:37:13 Rep. Loge

14:37:20 Rep. Krautter left the meeting.

14:39:18 Chair Brown

14:39:23 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 301 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(fih52a01)

**Discussion:**

14:39:40 Rep. White

14:43:37 Rep. Vinton

14:44:07 Hope Stockwell, LSD

14:44:13 Rep. Vinton

14:44:42 Hope Stockwell, LSD

14:45:17 Rep. Vinton

14:45:38 Hope Stockwell, LSD

14:45:47 Rep. Z. Brown

14:46:07 Rep. Loge

14:46:26 Rep. Z. Brown

14:46:34 Rep. Loge

14:46:39 Rep. Z. Brown

14:47:54 Rep. Farris-Olsen

14:48:39 Rep. Duram

14:49:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Duram, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Perry, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Sweeney and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Krautter, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

14:50:28 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 301 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

14:50:50 Rep. Z. Brown

14:51:33 Rep. Loge

14:53:39 Rep. White

14:53:40 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.

14:54:33 Chair Brown

14:54:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Duram, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Perry, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Krautter, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 390**

14:56:19      **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 390 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

14:56:34      Hope Stockwell, LSD

14:57:43      **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 390 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fih52a02)**

**Discussion:**

14:58:01      Rep. Loge

14:58:38      **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Krautter, Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

14:59:52      Rep. White and Rep. Loge left the meeting.

15:00:12      **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 390 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:00:30      **Motion:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 390 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fih52a03)**

**Discussion:**

15:00:58      Hope Stockwell, LSD

15:01:36      **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting no. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Krautter, Rep. Loge, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. White voted by proxy.

15:03:03      **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 390 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:03:10      Rep. Fuller

15:03:22      Rep. Berglee joined the meeting.

15:04:29      Rep. Sweeney

15:05:03      Rep. Duram

15:05:34      **Vote:** Motion failed 6-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Loge, Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Vinton and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. Krautter, Rep. Loge, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. White voted by proxy.

15:07:12      **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 390 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Krautter, Rep. Loge, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. White voted by proxy.

**HEARING ON SB 70**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:08:44 Sen. Pat Flowers (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 70, Remove Headwaters State Park from primitive parks list.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:12:34 Gene Townsend, Self

15:13:48 Chris Smith, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih52a04\)](#)

15:16:11 Beth Shumate, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih52a05\)](#)

15:20:09 Tom Towe, Self

15:23:45 Bob Walker, Montana Trails Recreation and Park Association (MTRPA)

15:25:12 Angie Grove, Montana Trails Recreation and Park Association (MTRPA)

15:25:42 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

15:26:48 John Borgreen, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:27:58 Rep. B. Smith

15:28:21 Sen. Flowers

15:29:10 Rep. B. Smith

15:29:15 Sen. Flowers

15:30:09 Rep. Z. Brown

15:30:50 Angie Grove, MTRPA

15:31:15 Rep. Z. Brown

15:32:04 Angie Grove, MTRPA

15:33:35 Rep. Z. Brown

15:33:49 Angie Grove, MTRPA

15:34:13 Rep. Z. Brown

15:34:31 Angie Grove, MTRPA

15:35:40 Chair Brown

15:36:28 Angie Grove, MTRPA

15:38:06 Chair Brown

15:38:42 Angie Grove, MTRPA

15:39:17 Gene Townsend, Self

15:41:56 Rep. R. Knudsen

15:42:59 Angie Grove, MTRPA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:45:01 Sen. Flowers

**HEARING ON SB 144****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:46:23 Sen. Tom Jacobson (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 144, Revise mandatory date of sale for certain combination hunting licenses.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:47:29 Emily Cooper, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
15:49:05 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
15:49:38 John Borgreen, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:50:44 Rep. Z. Brown  
15:51:00 Emily Cooper, FWP  
15:51:05 Rep. Z. Brown  
15:51:30 Chair Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:52:00 Sen. Jacobson  
  
15:52:40 Recessed  
16:00:17 Reconvened with Rep. Z. Brown and Rep. Sweeney excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 144**

16:00:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 144 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Krautter, Rep. Loge, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. Sweeney, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. White voted by proxy. Rep. Perry will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 522**

16:03:19 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 522 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

16:03:47 Rep. Duram  
16:03:52 Rep. Sweeney, Rep. Z. Brown and Rep. Loge returned to the meeting.  
16:04:09 Rep. Sweeney  
16:05:09 Rep. Fuller

16:05:33 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Smith made a substitute motion that **HB 522 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 14-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. Duram, Rep. Sweeney and Rep. Vinton voting no. Rep. Krautter, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. White voted by proxy.

16:08:50 Chair Brown  
16:09:42 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
16:10:32 Rep. Vinton  
16:10:42 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
16:11:36 Chair Brown  
  
16:12:28 Recessed  
16:22:25 Reconvened with Rep. Stewart Peregoy excused.

### **HEARING ON SB 68**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:22:37 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 68, Remove residency requirements for aerial hunting permits.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

16:27:18 Mike Honeycutt, Montana Department of Livestock (DOL)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

16:30:50 Art Compton, Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club  
16:34:12 Dave McEwan, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)  
16:36:52 John Borgreen, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:38:13 Rep. Loge  
16:38:37 Mike Honeycutt, DOL  
16:39:28 Rep. Fuller  
16:39:50 Mike Honeycutt, DOL  
16:40:28 Rep. Fuller  
16:40:45 Mike Honeycutt, DOL  
16:41:19 Rep. Berglee  
16:41:45 Sen. Gillespie  
16:42:17 Rep. Berglee  
16:42:44 Sen. Gillespie  
16:43:09 Chair Brown  
16:43:50 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
16:44:22 Vice Chair Fitzgerald  
16:44:50 Dave McEwan, MWGA  
16:46:38 Vice Chair Fitzgerald  
16:46:52 Dave McEwan, MWGA  
16:47:23 Vice Chair Fitzgerald  
16:47:41 Dave McEwan, MWGA  
16:49:14 Rep. Vinton  
16:50:12 Dave McEwan, MWGA  
16:51:19 Rep. Sweeney  
16:51:45 Dave McEwan, MWGA  
16:52:50 Rep. Sweeney  
16:53:11 Rep. Duram

16:53:42 Art Compton, Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club

16:54:33 Rep. Duram

16:55:04 Art Compton, Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:55:42 Sen. Gillespie

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:58:20

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Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fih52aad.pdf](#))